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# Reveal Soviet Strength, Says Air Leader

The U. S. Air Force and the Central Intelligence Agency are making too much of a secret about what they know of Soviet air power, said one of America's pioneer airmen at Homestead Air Base.

Grover Loening of Miami, inventor of the Loening Amphibian which had great popularity 40 years ago, was speaking to an audience of Air Force men yesterday at the South Dade SAC Base.

The 73-year-old Loening was honored at a formal review by the 435th Troop Carrier Wing, an Air Force Reserve unit currently on two-weeks active duty at the base.

He was flown to the base from his home on Key Biscayne by an Air Force helicopter and greeted on his arrival by Col. Forrest Harsh, wing commander, and Col. Harvey Brown, base commander. The review followed, with martial music by the National Guard band.

In an informal discussion later, Loening challenged the "security" laid on by the Air Force and CIA concerning Soviet air potential.

"The Russians certainly know what they have so we won't be telling them anything. I fail to see any reason for us to keep secret from them what we know of their air power," said Loening.

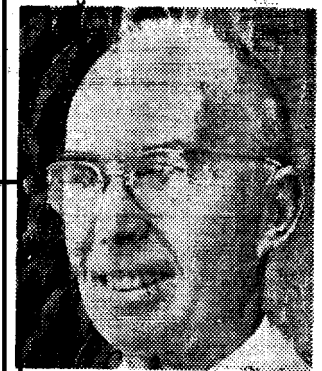
"The only persons being hurt

by this secrecy are the American people. They should be told what our intelligence has learned of Russian air strength so they can form their own opinions."

Loening, whose pilot's license was the 268th issued in this country, is a member of the advisory board of the National Air Museum. The only other civilian board member is retired Lt. Gen. Jimmy Doolittle.

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